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Security Council

10 a.m. — Consultations of the whole (closed) — Consultations Room

Somalia

Other matters

Morning[1] — 5575th meeting — Security Council Chamber

1. Adoption of the agenda
2. The situation in Somalia

   Letter dated 21 November 2006 from the Chairman of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 751 (1992) concerning Somalia addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/2006/913)

[1] To be held following the adjournment of the consultations of the whole.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

3 p.m. — 60th plenary meeting — General Assembly Hall

1. Question of Palestine [14]
   (a) Report of the Committee on the Exercice of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People (A/61/35)
   (b) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/335)
   (c) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.31, A/61/L.32, A/61/L.33 and A/61/L.34)
2. The situation in the Middle East [13]
   (a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/61/298 and A/61/355)
   (b) Draft resolutions (A/61/L.35 and A/61/L.36)

Launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007

The launch of the Humanitarian Appeal 2007 by the Secretary-General will take place on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in the Trusteeship Council Chamber. All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Jackie Behan (tel. 1 (917) 367-9765; e-mail behan@un.org).

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General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Fifth Committee

10 a.m.–1 p.m. Informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda items 139 (Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (A/61/521 and A/61/575)); and 151 (Financing of the United Nations Integrated Mission in Timor-Leste (A/61/519 and A/61/567))

General Assembly

Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People

International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. 298th meeting Trusteeship Council Chamber

Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting Conference Room 10

Draft report

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Second Committee
Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

From 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Raja Nushirwan Zainal Abidin (Malaysia), under agenda item 56 (a) (Groups of countries in special situations: Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries)

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Ms. Sigrid Anna Oddsen (Norway), under agenda item 51 (d) (Commodities)

From 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

From 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Ms. Cinthia Soto (Costa Rica), under agenda item 53 (e) (Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 55 (d) (Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin, consistent with the United Nations Convention against Corruption)

From 3 to 4 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Facilitator, Ms. Nicole Ruder (Switzerland), under agenda 53 (c) (International Strategy for Disaster Reduction)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 1.

Facilitator, Ms. Natalia Quintavalle (Italy), under agenda item 57 (b) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: industrial development cooperation)

From 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mr. Conrad Hunte (Antigua and Barbuda), under agenda item 53 (f) (Convention on Biological Diversity)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Facilitator, Mr. Marcelo Suárez Salvia (Argentina), under agenda item 51 (c) (External debt crisis and development)

From 4.30 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Giza Martins (Angola), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006))

From 5 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C-209B.

Economic and Social Council

Informal "informal" consultations

There will be informal "informal" consultations, convened by H.E. Mr. Dalius Čekuolis (Lithuania), Vice-President of the Economic and Social Council, *today*, 29 November 2006, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 1, to discuss the role of the Economic and Social Council system in the annual ministerial-level substantive review and the Development Cooperation Forum.

Informal consultations convened by delegations

Wednesday, 29 November 2006

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Back of Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, under agenda item 67 (b) (convened by the delegations of Mexico and New Zealand)

10 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 7

Informal consultations on draft resolution on the return or restitution of cultural property to the countries of origin, under agenda item 43 (General Assembly) (convened by the delegation of Greece)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

11 a.m.–1 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on international cooperation on humanitarian assistance in the field of natural disasters, from relief to development, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of India, on behalf of the Group of 77 and China)

1.15–2.30 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 9

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on malaria, under agenda item 48 (convened by the delegation of the United Republic of Tanzania, on behalf of the African Group)

1.15–2.45 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room 1

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

3–6 p.m. . . . . Closed meeting . . . . . Conference Room D

Other meetings

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Wednesday, 29 November 2006

JUSCANZ Group (Second Committee matters)

9–9.45 a.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 7

Group of 77 (on the draft resolution on international trade and development)

10–10.30 a.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on the draft resolutions on: debt; corruption; eradication of poverty; industrial development cooperation; commodities; microfinance and microcredit; landlocked developing countries; and report on all Second Committee draft resolutions)

10.30 a.m.–1 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room C

Group of 77 (on Fifth Committee matters)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 5

Joint meeting of the Non-Aligned Movement and the Group of 77 (Working Group on Mandate Review)

3–6 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room A

African Group (Second Committe experts)

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room D

Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on Peacekeeping Operations

1.15–2.45 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 8

Eastern European States Group (on Fifth Committee matters) (at the expert level)

1.30–2.30 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room A

Western European and Other States Group (monthly meeting)

3–5 p.m. Closed meeting . . . Conference Room 8

Other activities

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Wednesday, 29 November 2006

Global forum on "Our common humanity in the information age: Principles and values for development" (organized by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs and the Global Alliance for ICT and Development)

From 9.45 and 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4.

[For further information, please contact Mr. Robert de Jesus (tel. 1 (917) 367-2432; e-mail dejesus3@un.org); or visit <www.un-gaid.org/commonhumanity>.]

Special events on the the occasion of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People (organized by the Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People, in cooperation with the Permanent Observer Mission of Palestine)

Screening of the film entitled "The colour of olives", at 1 p.m. in the Dag Hammarskjöld Library Auditorium; and

Opening of the exhibit entitled "Contextualization: A Palestinian narrative", at 6 p.m. in the Public Lobby of the General Assembly Building.

Briefing on "AIDS in Eastern Europe" (organized by the Permanent Mission of Bulgaria, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC))

From 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All delegations are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Dr. Victor Ortega, UNAIDS (e-mail vortega@unicef.org).]

Press conferences

The schedule below is tentative; up-to-date information can be obtained at <www.un.org/News/ossg/conf.htm>.

Wednesday, 29 November 2006

Room S-226

11 a.m. . . . . Mr. David Malone, former President of the International Peace Academy and author of *The International Struggle Over Iraq: Politics in the United Nations Security Council, 1980-2005* (on "Iraq and the Security Council: Lessons from the Past, Suggestions for the Future")

Guest at 12 noon . . Mr. Ian Martin, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General in Nepal for Support to the Peace Process

Forthcoming official meetings

Friday, 1 December 2006

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

Informal consultations of the plenary on the report of the Secretary-General entitled "Mandating and delivering: analysis and recommendations to facilitate the review of mandates"

10 a.m. . . . . 17th meeting (closed) . . . . . Conference Room 2

Main Committees

Second Committee

Informal "informal" consultations

Facilitator, Mrs. Deidre Mills (Jamaica), under agenda item 57 (a) (Eradication of poverty and other development issues: implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006)) — Role of microcredit and microfinance in the eradication of poverty

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Harald Aspelund (Iceland) under agenda item 54 (Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat))

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Leslie B. Gatan (Philippines), under agenda item 55 (a) (Globalization and interdependence)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. José Antonio Doig (Peru), under agenda item 53 (b) (Follow-up to and implementation of the Mauritius Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States) — Recognition of the Caribbean Sea as A Special Area in the context of sustainable development

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Facilitator, Mr. Gustavo Ainchil (Argentina), under agenda item 53 (d) (Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 to 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room 6.

Facilitator, Mr. Javad Amin-Mansour (Islamic Republic of Iran), under agenda item 53 (a) (Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room B.

Facilitator, Mr. Kazuo Sunaga (Japan), under agenda item 56 (b) (Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 3 to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

Fifth Committee

The Fifth Committee will hold its 25th meeting on Thursday, 30 November 2006, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3. Informal consultations (closed) will be held following the adjournment of the 25th meeting and at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

General Assembly

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East

The Ad hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East will meet on Monday, 4 December 2006, at 11 a.m. in the Trusteeship Council Chamber.

Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

In accordance with the terms of General Assembly resolution 55/75, the Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will convene in Geneva, on Monday, 11 December 2006, at 3 p.m. in Room XVII, at the Palais des Nations.

Economic and Social Council

Resumed substantive session for 2006

The resumed substantive session of the Economic and Social Council will be held on Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 5 to 6 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The meeting will focus on issues pending from the 2006 substantive session of the Council as well as issues emanating from the consultations convened by the Vice-Presidents currently under way.

Briefing

There will be a briefing for non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council, on the General Assembly resolution on "Strengthening of the Economic and Social Council" (A/61/L.24)[1] on Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. The briefing is organized by the NGO Section, Office of ECOSOC Support and Coordination, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, and will include a statement by the President of the Council, H.E. Mr. Ali Hachani (Tunisia).

All are invited to attend. Copies of the resolution will be available in the room. For further information, please contact Ms. Erdwine Antoine, NGO Section, DESA (tel. 1 (212) 963-8652; e-mail desangosection@un.org).

[1] To be issued as A/RES/61/16.

Forthcoming informal consultations convened by delegations

Informal consultations on programme planning, under agenda item 118 (Third Committee) (convened by the Facilitator, Mr. Lamin Faati (Gambia))

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in the back of Conference Room 1.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) (convened by the delegation of Morocco)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D; and

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the strenghtening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations, under agenda item 69 (a) (convened by the delegation of Sweden)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room D.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the safety and security of humanitarian personnel and protection of United Nations personnel, under agenda item 69 (convened by the delegation of Finland, on behalf of the European Union)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room A.

Informal consultations on the draft resolution on the convention on the rights of persons with disabilities, under agenda item 67 (b) (convened by the delegations of Mexico and New Zealand)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Other forthcoming meetings

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Non-Aligned Movement: Working Group on the revitalization of the General Assembly

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room E.

Eastern European States Group (at the ambassadorial level)

Thursday, 30 November 2006, from 12.30 to 1.15 p.m. in Conference Room A.

UNITAR Workshop on International Trade and the Doha Round, in collaboration with the World Trade Organization (WTO)

Monday, 4 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. (at the Permanent Mission of Nigeria);

Tuesday, 5 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and from 3 to 6 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C;

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C; and

Friday, 8 December 2006, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room C.

[For further information and registration, please visit <www.unitarny.org>; or contact Ms. Sarah Rosengaertner, UNITAR (tel. 1 (212) 963-3021; rosengaertner@un.org).]

African Group (Second Committe experts)

Wednesday, 6 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 7; and

Wednesday, 13 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room C.

Briefing and informal exchange of ideas with delegates regarding the open-ended ad hoc expert group on the consideration of the content of the non-legally binding instrument on all types of forests (New York, 11–15 December 2006) (organized by the Bureau of the seventh session of the United Nations Forum on Forests and the secretariat of the Forum)

Friday, 8 December 2006, in Conference Room 2:

African States Group: from 10 to 11.30 a.m.;

Asian States Group: from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.;

Eastern European Group: from 1.15 to 2.45 p.m.;

Latin American and Caribbean States Group: from 3 to 4.30 p.m.; and

Western European and Other States Group: from 4.30 to 6 p.m.

Other forthcoming activities

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Panel discussion on "Pediatric AIDS: The promise of new public-private partnerships", on the occasion of World AIDS Day (organized by the United States Mission)

Friday, 1 December 2006, from 1.15 to 2.30 p.m. in Conference Room 7.

[All are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Peggy Kerry, United States Mission (tel. 1 (212) 415-4054; e-mail kerryp@state.gov).]

High-level Conference on the Central Emergency Response Fund (CERF) (organized by the Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)

Thursday, 7 December 2006, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

[For further information and registration, please contact Ms. Hee-Kyong Yoo (fax 1 (212) 963-1312; e-mail yoo@un.org), no later than *today*, 29 November 2006.]

Announcements

Credentials of representatives to the sixty-first session of the General Assembly

Delegations are reminded that credentials should be issued for all representatives to the sixty-first regular session of the General Assembly, in accordance with rule 27 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly. Credentials should be sent *by Wednesday, 13 December 2006*, to the secretariat of the Credentials Committee (tel. 1 (212) 963-5358, 963-5352 or 963-5377; room S-3450C, S-3420B or S-3420S).

Preparations for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women

In preparation for the fifty-first session of the Commission on the Status of Women (26 February–9 March 2007), delegations are invited to propose names of expert panellists to participate in two panel discussions on the following themes: (a) Key policy initiatives to eliminate all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child; and (b) Capacity-building on mainstreaming a gender perspective in the development, implementation and evaluation of national policies and programmes for the elimination of all forms of discrimination and violence against the girl child. Delegations are requested to submit names indicating the panel for which the expert(s) is (are) being nominated and to provide curricula vitae, which outline the specific expertise and experience of the proposed candidate in relation to the panel discussions. It is kindly requested that the information be sent to the Division for the Advancement of Women (e-mail taylors@un.org; and/or volfova@un.org; fax 1 (212) 963-3463), no later than *Monday, 8 January 2007*.

Security Council

Daily informal briefings

As from Friday, 3 November 2006, and for the rest of the month, the presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings daily on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations, which are non-members of the Council, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations.

Recorded information

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling 1 (212) 963-8530, or by clicking on "Daily Programme" on the Web site of the Security Council (<www.un.org/Docs/sc>).

Prepared statements

Speakers in the Security Council are advised that providing in advance copies of prepared statements which they intend to read out in the Council greatly facilitates the work of the Secretariat by permitting a sufficient number of copies to be distributed to all meeting participants and by assisting interpreters, verbatim reporters and press officers in maintaining the quality of the product delivered. Both interpretations and

verbatim records rely upon the statement actually delivered, but copies of texts help interpreters to correctly render details and nuances and help verbatim reporters to produce the written record more quickly. Speakers are therefore encouraged, whenever possible, to provide copies of their statements, as early as possible in advance of delivery, to the Conference Officer in the Chamber.

Delegations are kindly requested to make 40 copies for minimum distribution to Council members and relevant services, and 200 additional copies for general distribution in the Security Council Chamber.

Delegations wishing to make statements available for the media are kindly requested to deliver 50 copies to the Media Documents Centre (room S-394).

Summary of official meetings

Tuesday, 28 November 2006

Security Council

5573rd meeting

Children and armed conflict

Report of the Secretary-General on Children and armed conflict (S/2006/826)

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representatives of Australia, Bangladesh, Benin, Brazil, Canada, Colombia, Egypt, Finland, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Iraq, Israel, Lebanon, Liechtenstein, Myanmar, Nepal, New Zealand, Norway, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka and Uganda, at their request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended invitations under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Ms. Radhika Coomaraswamy, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict, and Ms. Ann M. Veneman, Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund.

In accordance with the understanding reached in the Council's prior consultations, the President, with the consent of the Council, extended an invitation under rule 39 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure to Mr. Gabriel Oling Olang, Representative of Save the Children.

The Council heard briefings by Ms. Coomaraswamy, Ms. Veneman and Mr. Oling Olang.

Statements were made by the representatives of France, Greece, China, Japan, Denmark, the United States, Qatar, Slovakia, Argentina, the Congo, Ghana, the Russian Federation, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United Kingdom, and by the President, His Excellency Mr. José Antonio García Belaunde, speaking in his capacity as the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Peru.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of Liechtenstein, Finland (speaking on behalf of the European Union; the acceding countries Bulgaria and Romania; the candidate countries Turkey, Croatia and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia; the countries of the Stabilisation and Association Process and potential candidates Albania, Montenegro and Serbia; and the EFTA country Iceland, member of the European Economic Area, as well as Ukraine, which aligned themselves with this statement) and Brazil.

The meeting was suspended.

Upon resumption of the meeting, the President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Thailand, at her request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The Council heard statements by the representatives of New Zealand, Colombia, Uganda, South Africa, Slovenia (speaking on behalf of the Human Security Network, namely Austria, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Greece, Ireland, Jordan, Mali, the Netherlands, Norway, Switzerland, Thailand, Slovenia and South Africa as an observer), Guatemala, Australia, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Canada, Myanmar, Nepal, Bangladesh, Honduras, Norway, Israel, Egypt, Benin, Iraq, Lebanon and Thailand.

The President made a statement on behalf of the Council (S/PRST/2006/48).

5574th meeting

The situation concerning Iraq

The agenda was adopted without objection.

The President, with the consent of the Council, invited the representative of Iraq, at his request, to participate in the consideration of the item without the right to vote, in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Charter and rule 37 of the Council's provisional rules of procedure.

The President drew attention to the text of a draft resolution contained in document S/2006/919, submitted by Denmark, Japan, Slovakia, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and the United States of America.

The Council proceeded to vote on the draft resolution (S/2006/919) before it.

Decision: The draft resolution (S/2006/919) received 15 votes in favour, none against and no abstentions, and was adopted unanimously as resolution 1723 (2006).

Following the vote, the representatives of the United States, the United Kingdom, the Russian Federation and France made statements.

General Assembly

Sixty-first session

58th plenary meeting

The situation in Afghanistan . . . . . [16]

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/61/326)

(b) Draft resolution (A/61/L.25)

The representative of Germany made a statement, in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/61/L.25.

Statements were made by the representatives of Afghanistan, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those Member States who aligned themselves with the statement), Kyrgyzstan (on behalf of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization), Belarus (on behalf of the Collective Security Treaty Organization), Pakistan, Iceland, Kuwait, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Canada, Australia, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, Japan, the United States, India, Turkey, New Zealand and Norway.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.25 (resolution 61/18).

The General Assembly decided to conclude its consideration of agenda item 16.

59th plenary meeting

Commemoration of the two-hundredth anniversary of the abolition of the trans-Atlantic slave trade: draft resolution (A/61/L.28) . . . . . [155]

The representative of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (on behalf of the Caribbean Community) made a statement, in the course of which she introduced and orally corrected draft resolution A/61/L.28.

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia (on behalf of the African Group), Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Finland (on behalf of the European Union and those Member States who aligned themselves with the statement), Jamaica, Bahamas, Haiti, India, Cuba, the United States, Liberia, the United Kingdom, France and the Netherlands.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 35/2 of 13 October 1980, the observer for the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization made a statement.

The representative of the Secretariat made a statement.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/61/L.28, as orally corrected (resolution 61/19).

The representative of Canada made a statement after the adoption.

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 155.

Reports of the Second and Fifth Committees

Under rule 66 of its rules of procedure, the General Assembly decided not to discuss the reports of the Second and Fifth Committees which were before the Assembly.

Operational activities for development: operational activities for development of the United Nations system: report of the Second Committee (A/61/427) . . . . . [58]

Statements in explanation of vote before the vote were made by the representatives of Monaco and Germany.

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Second Committee in paragraph 13 of its report (A/61/427) (resolution 61/20).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 58.

Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007: report of the Fifth Committee (A/61/592) . . . . . [117]

The General Assembly adopted the draft resolution recommended by the Fifth Committee in paragraph 7 of its report (A/61/592) (resolution 61/21).

The General Assembly thus concluded this stage of its consideration of agenda item 117.

Main Committees

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

27th meeting

The Chairman made a statement.

The representative of Indonesia introduced oral amendments, on A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1 submitted under agenda item 31.

The representative of Cuba introduced oral amendments, on A/C.4/61/L.16/Rev.1 submitted under agenda item 32.

The observer for Palestine made a statement.

The Committee decided not to take action on draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.18.

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [31]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.9, A/C.4/61/L.10, A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.12

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.9, by a recorded vote of 162 to 2, with 7 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.10, by a recorded vote of 160 to 6, with 4 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.11/Rev.1, as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 159 to 6, with 5 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.12, by a recorded vote of 159 to 6, with 5 abstentions.

The representative of Cuba made a statement.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 31.

Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories . . [32]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.4/61/L.13/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.14, A/C.4/61/L.15/Rev.1, A/C.4/61/L.16/Rev.1 and A/C.4/61/L.17

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.13/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 81 to 8, with 79 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.14, by a recorded vote of 156 to 6, with 8 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.15/Rev.1, by a recorded vote of 156 to 7, with 6 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.16/Rev.1, as orally amended, by a recorded vote of 150 to 8, with 11 abstentions.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/61/L.17, by a recorded vote of 156 to 1, with 11 abstentions.

Statements in explanation of vote after the vote were made by the representatives of Israel, the United States and Canada.

The observer for Palestine as well as the representative of the Syrian Arab Republic made statements.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

Third Committee

53rd meeting

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms . . . . . [67 (b)]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.34

The attention of the Committee was drawn to the statement of financial provisions relating to the draft resolution read out by the Secretary at the 51st meeting.

The representative of Cuba made a statement in which he orally revised the draft resolution and announced that China also became a sponsor.

The representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union) made a statement.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.34, as orally revised, by a recorded vote of 126 to 51, with 1 abstention.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of the United States and Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), and after the vote, by the representatives of Japan, Canada, Costa Rica and Cuba.

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to a letter from the President of the General Assembly in which she informed that sub-item 67 (b) had also been allocated to Plenary.

Oral decisions

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to take note of a number of documents under agenda sub-items 67 (a), (b) and (c).

Statements were made by the representatives of Cuba and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 67, as a whole.

Report of the Human Rights Council . . . . . [68]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.18/Rev.1 and amendments contained thereto in A/C.3/61/L.57/Rev.1

The Committee was advised that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Peru made a statement and announced that Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Dominica, Moldova, Montenegro and Serbia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Albania, Andorra and Malta also joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Introduction of amendments to A/C.3/61/L.18/Rev.1 contained in document A/C.3/61/L.57/Rev.1

The representative of Namibia (on behalf of the African Group) made a statement.

A statement was made by the representative of Peru.

Statements were made by the representatives of Namibia (on behalf of the African Group), Egypt, Mexico and Guatemala.

The Committee adopted the amendments contained in document A/C.3/61/L.57/Rev.1 by a recorded vote of 82 to 67 with 25 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Fiji, New Zealand, Chile, Turkey, Australia, Canada, the Russian Federation, Colombia and Norway; after the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia, Jamaica, Ukraine, Canada, Guyana, Benin, Botswana, Myanmar, Kuwait, Kenya, Cameroon, the Congo, Rwanda and Colombia.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.18/Rev.1, as a whole

The Secretary made a technical correction to the text.

The representative of Peru made a statement and withdrew as sponsor of the draft resolution, as amended, and orally corrected.

Albania, Andorra, Armenia, Austria, Belgium, Bolivia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Cameroon, the Congo, Costa Rica, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Denmark, Dominica, the Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Estonia, Fiji, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Guatemala, Haiti, Hungary, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Mexico, Moldova, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Switzerland and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia also withdrew as sponsors of the draft resolution.

Algeria, Angola, Botswana, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Egypt, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gabon, the Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritania, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, the Sudan, Swaziland, Togo, Tunisia, the United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe joined in sponsoring the draft resolution, as amended, and orally corrected.

A statement was made by the representative of Peru.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, as amended, and orally corrected by a recorded vote of 83 to 0, with 91 abstentions.

Before the vote, statements were made by the representatives of Chile, Ecuador, Guatemala, Bolivia, Uruguay, Namibia and Nicaragua; after the vote statements were made by the representatives of the Philippines, Finland (on behalf of the European Union and associated countries), Japan, Mexico, Iraq, the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, Cuba and Brazil.

The Chairman made a statement.

The Secretary responded to a statement made by the representative of Cuba.

Corrigendum

General Assembly
Sixty-first session

Main Committees

Third Committee

Corrigendum to the summary of the 49th meeting of the Third Committee (see *Journal* No. 2006/224, page 21):

The first paragraph under "Action on draft resolution A/C.3/61/L.50" *should have read*:

> The Secretary read out a statement regarding financial provisions relating to the draft resolution.

Signatures, Ratifications, etc.

[Multilateral Treaties Deposited with the Secretary-General]

Amendment to article 74 of the Constitution of the World Health Organization. Geneva, 18 May 1978

Acceptance: Honduras (28 November 2006)[1]

International Sugar Agreement, 1992. Geneva, 20 March 1992

Extension of time-limit under article 38 (2) of the Agreement for the deposit of instruments of ratification, acceptance or approval until 31 December 2007

[1] Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

General Information

Chairmen of regional groups

The following information regarding the chairmanship of the regional groups for the month of *November 2006* has been communicated to the Secretariat:

African States:
Namibia
H.E. Mr. Kaire Munionganda Mbuende

Asian States:
Pakistan
H.E. Mr. Munir Akram

Eastern European States:
Bulgaria
H.E. Mr. Ivan T. Piperkov

Latin American and Caribbean States:
El Salvador
H.E. Mrs. Carmen María Gallardo Hernández

Western European and other States:
Luxembourg
H.E. Mr. Jean-Marc Hoscheit

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Symbol	*Main title*
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A/61/PV.30	Meeting held on 13 October 2006, 10 a.m. [E]
General Assembly	**Documents**
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A/61/392	Item 88 — Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons — Report of the First Committee [A C E F R S]
A/61/415	Item 39 — Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples — Report of the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) [A C E F R S]
A/61/576	Item 116 — Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations — Proposed programme budget outline for the biennium 2008-2009 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]
A/61/581	Item 157 — Support by the United Nations system of the efforts of Governments to promote and consolidate new or restored democracies — Letter dated 14 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Qatar to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/585 Item 130 — Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 — First performance report of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia for the biennium 2006-2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/586 Item 129 — Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 — First performance report of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda for the biennium 2006-2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/588 Item 144 (b) — Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East: United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon — Financing of the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon for the period from 1 July 2006 to 31 March 2007 — Report of the Secretary-General [A C E F R S]

A/61/595 Item 117 — Programme budget for the biennium 2006-2007 — Capital master plan — Report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.31 Item 14 — Question of Palestine — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft resolution — Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.32 Item 14 — Question of Palestine — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft resolution — Division for Palestinian Rights of the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.33 Item 14 — Question of Palestine — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft resolution — Special information programme on the question of Palestine of the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat [A C E F R S]

A/61/L.34 Item 14 — Question of Palestine — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Madagascar, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Yemen, Zimbabwe and Palestine: draft resolution — Peaceful settlement of the question of Palestine [A C E F R S]

First Committee

A/C.1/61/4/Add.1 Membership of the First Committee [A C E F R S (multilingual)]

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

A/C.4/61/L.13/Rev.1	Item 32 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Palestine: revised draft resolution — Work of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [A C E F R S]
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A/C.4/61/L.16/Rev.1	Item 32 — Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories — Algeria, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Guinea, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Malaysia, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Namibia, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Somalia, South Africa, Sudan, Tunisia, United Arab Emirates, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen and Palestine: revised draft resolution — Israeli practices affecting the human rights of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem [A C E F R S]

Security Council	**Documents**
S/2006/905	Letter dated 20 November 2006 from the Permanent Representative of Eritrea to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council [A C E F R S]

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ST/AI/2006/3	Administrative instruction — Staff selection system [F]

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